

## Primary taster menu

### EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2018/19

#### Principal's message

Since Vale of York Academy opened on 1 April 2017 as a partner school within the Hope Learning Trust, York, the school has been on a rapid journey of improvement. This year we are seeing the school's best examination results for five years, which demonstrates the strong progress our students have made during their time with us and the progress the school is making as a whole.

Our school ethos: "Always giving the best" applies not only to our students, but to our whole school community.

We work tirelessly to remove barriers to success to encourage children in our care to 'dream big' and know that the opportunities open to them are limitless. As such, we are very much looking forward to working more with our local primary schools, so that together we can achieve

success for our schools, but more importantly for our children and young people.

We have put together an exciting programme of events for students, our 'Primary Taster Menu', in addition to a varied programme of events for staff and members of the community. Please do come along to Vale



of York Academy to see how we have progressed and experience the vibrancy and enthusiasm that now permeates our school life.

I do hope that your school will choose to be involved and that you will be able to schedule some or all of the events into your timetable for the next academic year. You are welcome to attend all events or pick and choose as you wish. Please do feel free to share this leaflet with staff and parents and if you have any queries at all, our **Community Coordinator, Mr Rob Orr**, will be more than happy to help. He can be contacted on T: **01904 560000** or E: [r.orr@valeofyorkacademy.org](mailto:r.orr@valeofyorkacademy.org)

Rob, together with Assistant Vice-Principal, Mr Gavin Kumar and Progress Leader, Mr Simon Stancliffe, have responsibility for ensuring that

all aspects of primary liaison and transition meet your requirements and are as smooth as possible for the children. They will be your key contacts and would be delighted to attend any future events at your school if that would be useful to you and parents.

The next year promises to be an incredibly exciting one for us all and we are relishing the prospect of enjoying our first full academic year as Vale of York Academy. I do hope we can work closely together and look forward to welcoming you, your staff and students in to our school. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if I can be of any assistance. Wishing all the very best,

**Helen Dowds**  
Principal, Vale of York Academy

#### Events and activities for your students and staff

2017-18 has been an incredibly positive year both for Vale of York Academy as a school and equally in terms of the strengthened relationships and links that have been built with our local primary schools.

From fantastic sporting performances, through to the demonstration of academic excellence and of course, all the workshops and events in between, the past 12 months have been

a showcase of the huge talent and potential in your schools.

Vale of York Academy will be maintaining this momentum throughout the next academic year by offering more exciting packages for you to opt into.

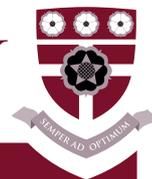
Your main contact will again be Rob Orr and should you require support with coordinating and marketing your events, advice from our own subject specialists or you'd like the help

of our team of wonderful Student Leaders and Prefects, all you have to do is ask and Rob will do his best!

We really are looking forward to another superb year working with your pupils, their families and your staff.

**Rob Orr**  
Transition and Community Coordinator, Vale of York Academy





## Student events

### PRIMARY TASTER MENU 2018/19

#### YEAR 6 PIC 'N' MIX

**Friday 28 September  
1.30 – 3.00pm**

Sports, Geography, History, Art, Technology, Drama, Languages, Maths, English, Science and more. Enrol your students on our unique Pic 'n' Mix afternoon where each student can select two 45-minute workshops from a range of sessions. A selection menu will be sent to all participating primary schools in early September, for your students to identify their top three choices.

**CAPACITY** 30 student places per individual session

#### QUICK STICKS HOCKEY

**Tuesday 12 October 4.00 – 17.30pm**  
City wide qualifier



#### SANTA'S APPRENTICE YEAR 5 AND 6

**November onwards**

This scheme has become a huge hit over the last two years, with hundreds of pounds of profit being made by primary pupils at our Christmas Fair (provisionally Dec 6) from just an initial £10 investment by Mr Orr. The winning teams from each school then go through to Santa's Den, to pitch their businesses to a panel of market experts...and possibly take back even more cash for their class mates!

#### GET CREATIVE Y4

**Friday 9 November 1.30 – 3.00pm**

Creative and performing arts are always a favourite amongst our students. Enrol your students on a skills workshop in Art, Music or Drama and help their creative minds grow.

**CAPACITY** 60 students

#### QUADKIDS ATHLETICS KS1 AND 2

**Friday 16 November 12.00 – 18.00**

Kevin Davies will be in touch with Primary Schools in due course.

#### DODGEBALL COMPETITION Y5

**Friday 18 January 13.30 – 15.00**

Just for fun but doesn't mean it won't be competitive!

#### MR ORR'S BOOT CAMP

**January 2019 Fridays 1.30 – 3.00pm – date flexible**

Everyone can feel a bit flat when they get back after Christmas, so why not invite Mr Orr and his student leaders to put you through your paces and start 2018 with a highly energy, fun fitness session for a whole year group. Completely tailored to the needs of your students...or your staff!

#### SCIENCE SHOWCASE Y5

**Friday 1 February 1.30 – 3.00pm**

Enrol your students in a science session filled with awe and wonder. Year 5 students will have the opportunity to work with our science staff in an introduction to scientific investigation. They will carry out some whizzbang chemical reactions, work with microscopes for analysis and experience static electricity first-hands.

**CAPACITY** 60 student places

#### HIGH FIVE NETBALL KS2

**Wednesday 6 March 4.00 – 5.30pm**

Kevin Davies will be in touch with Primary Schools in due course.

#### DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP YEAR 5

**Friday 22 March 1.30 – 3.00pm**

Your students will enjoy hands-on experience of the different facets of design and technology. This practical session allows students to work in our food technology and resistant materials facilities, and experience the interactive and varied nature of this subject.

**CAPACITY** 60 student places: (x12 students per school)



#### PETER FEASBY HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Wednesday 27 March**

**4.00 – 6.00pm**

Annual city wide tournament hosted by Vale of York. Kevin Davies will be in touch with Primary Schools in due course.

#### LOVIN' LANGUAGES YEAR 4

**Friday 12 April 1.30 – 3.00pm**

Our language specialists will provide an introduction to European language. Students will learn simple words and phrases, but also develop an insight into the culture and traditions of our European neighbours.

**CAPACITY** 60 student places

#### SUMMER QUADKIDS KS2

**Thursday 25 May 4.00 – 6.00pm**

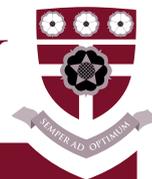
Kevin Davies will be in touch with Primary Schools in due course.

#### HOOKED ON HUMANITIES Y4

**Friday 28 June 1.30 – 3.00pm**

Aspiring historians, geographers and philosophers will enjoy this session, which focuses on the humanities subjects we have to offer at Vale of York Academy. Our subject specialists will provide an engaging and interactive session, which will introduce your students to world studies.

**CAPACITY** 60 students



## Community and staff events

### PRIMARY TASTER MENU 2018/19



#### CLUSTER STAFF 6-A-SIDE FOOTBALL COMPETITION

- Friday 19 October: 4.00 – 6.00pm**  
 Will Clifton Green make it three years on the bounce by winning 2018's Cluster Cup?

#### CLUSTER STAFF AND FRIENDS QUIZ

- Friday 8 February: 7.00 – 9.00pm**  
 Everyone loves a good pub quiz. So get a team together and enter our prize quiz. Quizmaster Rob will challenge and entertain you in equal measure.



#### COMMUNITY'S GOT TALENT 2019

- Friday 29 March: 7.00 – 9.00pm**  
 An incredible night of talent was witnessed by hundreds in 2018 and CGT '19 promises to be just as good. Auditions to be held from the start of February. Dates flexible.



#### CLUSTER STAFF AND FRIENDS GOLF COMPETITION

- Friday 14 June: 4pm**  
 By June, you surely must be in the swing of things? Why not prove it by entering the first annual Cluster Golf Championship? Exciting details to follow after the festive break...

#### COMMUNITY QUIZ

- Friday 12 July: 6.00 – 8.00pm**  
 We invite all families and friends within the community to enjoy a quiz night – with the chance to win some great prizes!

#### HEALTHY BODY+MIND

- Flexible dates to suit**  
 Why not run a staff meeting with a difference by having Vale of York's very own Mr Orr come in and put everyone through their paces? A challenging but of course fun session tailored to your requirements.



### Let's get physical with our events for sports students

All events will be held at Vale of York Academy.

#### QUICK STICKS HOCKEY

- 12 October**  
 City Wide Qualifier

#### QUADKIDS ATHLETICS KS1+2

- 16 November**  
 Kevin Davies will be in touch with details

#### DODGEBALL Y5 COMPETITION

- 18 December**  
 Fun Competition for Y5

#### MR ORR'S BOOT CAMP

- Fridays in January**  
 Flexible Dates and Content

#### HIGH FIVE NETBALL KS2

- 6 March**  
 Year 5/6 Kevin Davies will be in touch with details

#### PETER FEASBY HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 27 March**  
 Annual city-wide tournament hosted by Vale of York Academy. Kevin Davies will be in touch with further details.

#### SUMMER QUADKIDS KS2

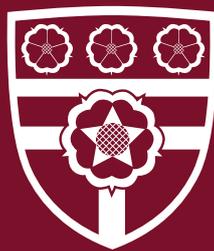
- 25 May**  
 Kevin Davies will be in touch with details

### Voyage Y5 ▶ ONGOING FROM OCTOBER: DATES TO BE CONFIRMED IN DUE COURSE.

Vale of York Academy Gifted Enterprise has been a huge success this year and we are delighted to run it again this coming academic year. Schools may enrol 5 high

achieving pupils into the scheme that sees them attend an hour and half session once every half term based on problem solving in Science and Computing. Very

challenging and with a graduation ceremony attended by their own teachers, family and friends, very rewarding. More details after the summer term but not be missed!



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